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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 027881 (NOT SENT OTTAWA)

1. AUSTRALIAN NEGOTIATOR HALL ARRIVED GENEVA FEB 13 AND
WILL MEET WITH CULBERT EITHER FEB 14 OR 15. AUSTRALIAN
EC MEETING REMAINS SCHEDULED FEB 19.

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2. FOLLOWING RUN-DOWN OF OTHER COUNTRIES' POSITION WE HAVE BEEN

ABLE ASCERTAIN FROM CONTACTS WITH GENEVA MISSIONS FEB 12 IS NOT RPT NOT INTENDED SUBSTITUTE FOR MORE AUTHORITATIVE ACCOUNTS ADDRESSEES OF RETEL MAY BE ABLE OBTAIN IN CAPITALS BUT BEING SUBMITTED IN EVENT KNOWLEDGABLE OFFICIAL IN CAPITALS CANNOT BE REACHED TODAY. SUMMARY OF BRAZILIAN POSITION BELOW CAN BE CONSIDERED AUTHORITATIVE AS IT IS BASED ON TEXT SUBMITTED TO EC COMMISSION AND MADE AVAILABLE TO US AS RECIPROCAL GESTURE FOR OUR KEEPING THEM APPRISED OF US POSITION. SUMMARY ABOUT CANADA KEPT BRIEF ON ASSUMPTION WASHINGTON IS CONTACT WITH CANADIANS IN WASHINGTON OR OTTAWA.

A. CANADA. AT MEETING WITH EC FEB 12, CANADIANS TOLD EC IT WOULD BE "MOST DIFFICULT" TO SETTLE WITHOUT ACCOMMODATION ON WHEAT AND BARLEY, I.E. UNIMPAIRED RETENTION OF CANADIAN GATT ACCESS RIGHTS FOR WHEAT AND BARLEY TO UK AND WHEAT TO DENMARK PENDING NEGOTIATION OF FINAL SETTLEMENT IN MTN. CANADIAN MEMO ANALYZES QUALITATIVE SHORTCOMINGS OF EC OFFERS ON IMPORTANT PRODUCTS SUCH AS WOODPULP, NEWSPRINT, PLYWOOD, ASBESTOS, AND APPLES AND CONCLUDES THERE IS GAP OF ABOUT \$290 MILLION BETWEEN GOC CLAIMS AND VALUE OF DECEMBER OFFER; IF ACCOMMODATION REACHED ON WHEAT AND BARLEY, GAP WOULD BE REDUCED TO \$140 MILLION WHICH GOC WILLING CONSIDER AS A REASONABLE ALLOWANCE FOR VALUE OF EC INITIAL OFFER. EC-CANADIAN TALKS CONTINUING FEB 13 AT TECHNICAL LEVEL.

B. BRAZIL. AT MEETING FEB 11, BRAZILIAN MISSION GAVE EC (LUYTEN) LETTER DESCRIBING DECEMBER OFFER AS "SATISFACTORY IN PURELY QUANTITATIVE TERMS BUT LACKING IN QUALITATIVE TERMS." LETTER INCLUDES COUNTERPROPOSALS ASKING EC TO MODIFY OFFERS BY GIVING BRAZIL INR AT 7 PCT. OF COFFEE, INCLUDE 24.01B TOBACCO IN 15 PCT. OFFER, REDUCE PLYWOOD 44.15A TO 5 PCT., AND REQUESTS ADDITION OF NEW CONCESSIONS ON PEPPERCORNS 09.04 AI TO 8.5 PCT., ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT JUICES EITHER REDUCE CXT TO 14 PCT. OR INCREASE PREFERENTIAL MARGIN UNDER GSP, MENTHOL 29.05AII REDUCE TO 6 PCT., DUTY-FREE EX ITEM FOR CERTAIN OILS FALLING UNDER 33.01, AND REDUCTION TO 5 PCT. FOR EX-ITEMS OTHER THAN WALNUT FALLING UNDER 44.14B. LETTER ENDS WITH SENTENCE "FINALLY IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONTEMPLATE THE TRADE PROBLEMS OF SOLUBLE COFFEE AND COCOA BUTTER IN THE PRESENT RENEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXIV:6". BRAZILIAN MISSION SAYS LUYTEN TOOK NOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF REQUESTS AND PROMISED FORWARD TO BRUSSELS. NO DATE FOR FURTHER MEETING FIXED.

C. YUGOSLAVIA. ECMIN TOMIC SAYS "PROTEST" WAS DELIVERED IN BRUSSELS ON OR ABOUT FEB 4 STATING GOY NOT SATISFIED WITH EC OFFER AND YUGOSLAV EXPERTS ARE COMPILING SPECIFIC REQUESTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO EC ASAP.

D. NEW ZEALAND. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, NZ MISSION ORALLY INFORMED LUYTEN ABOUT FEB 1 THAT ABSENCE GNZ REPLY TO DECEMBER OFFER SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS ACCEPTANCE OF THAT OFFER. LUYTEN PRESSING NZ FOR SUBSTANTIVE REPLY AND MISSION AWAITING WELLINGTON INSTRUCTIONS.

3. MALAYSIA. AMBASSADOR LAI SAYS HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. LUYTEN HAS SUGGESTED HE SEEK SUTHORIZATION TO SAY DECEMBER OFER DOESN'T SOLVE ALL OF MALAYSIA'S PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM ENLARGEMENT, I.E. NEITHER ACCEPT NOR REJECT BUT LEAVE DOOR OPEN FOR ACCOMMODATION OF SPECIFIC TRADE PROBLEMS IN MTN.

F. SRI LANKA. LOCAL MISSION CONFIRMED TO US IN MID-JANUARY INFO ORGANALLY REPORTED BY EMB PARIS (PARIS 1074) THAT SRI LANKA HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED EC OFFER. COLOMBO 418 SEEMS TO CONFIRM SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS ACTED ON HIS OWN IN THIS MATTER. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, SRI LANKA IS ONLY COUNTRY THAT HAS FORMALLY ACCEPTED.

G. ARGENTINA. ALTHOUGH STILL UNINSTRUCTED ABOUT DECEMBER OFFER, LOCAL MISSION HAS ADVISED LUYTEN NOT TO INTERPRET DELAY IN RESPONCE TO MEAN ACCEPTANCE.DALE

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